

What I claim is:

1. A string hopper making machine comprising,

a cylindrical dough container removably mounted in a vertical manner in a frame, said container having a cylindrical well with a shoulder having a smaller diameter than said well and formed at a bottom opening therein,

an extrusion plate located within said well and resting on said shoulder, said plate having extrusion openings of a selected configuration formed therein,

a piston mounted on a vertical rod extending slidably in a vertical manner through a vertical channel in a guide block mounted on said frame, said rod having an upper end pivotally mounted to a front end of a lever arm, said piston adapted to engage slidably within said well,

an inverted T-shaped pivot block rotatably mounted at a top portion of said frame, said pivot block having a horizontal rod with a pivot arm extending perpendicular to a middle location therein, said pivot arm having an upper free end pivotally mounted to an end of a lever arm,

an inverted U-shaped bracket formed at a lower surface of a front end of said lever arm, and said upper end of said vertical rod being pivotally mounted to said front end of said U-shaped bracket.

2. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 1 including an elongated handle rod mounted at a front end of said lever arm and operative for pivoting said lever arm to move said piston slidably up and down said well of said dough container for extruding the string hopper.

3. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 2 wherein said frame includes a front extension portion having a lower edge spaced from a supporting surface whereon said machine is

resting, a horizontal support plate located at said lower edge of said extension portion, a mounting opening formed in said support plate and adapted to engage with a lower portion of said dough container for mounting said dough container to said frame.

4. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 3 including two latching openings
5 formed in two side plates of said frame, said dough container having an outer circular ridge formed between an upper portion and said lower portion therein, two tabs formed at two directly opposite sides of said ridge and adapted to engage with said latching openings of said side plates for maintaining said dough container securely mounted in a vertical manner in said frame.

5. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 4 wherein said dough container is
10 made of food safe ABS plastic and a handle is formed on an outer side wall therein adapted for facilitating mounting and removing said dough container onto and from said frame.

6. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 5 including a base plate mounted to lower edges of said side plates of said frame, a C-clamp adapted for engaging with said base plate and said supporting surface for securely mounting said machine on said supporting surface.

7. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 6 including a steam tray adapted to
15 locate below said front extension portion of said frame for receiving said string hopper extruded from said dough container.

8. A string hopper making machine according to Claim 7 wherein said extrusion plate has a
20 selected configuration of openings formed therein adapted for making string hoppers of various selected shapes.